

# A PAGE OF TIMELY READING GOOD CITIZENS IN THE MAKING

How the Boys' and Girls' New "Junior Municipality" Was Organized

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"DADDY" GEORGE, founder of the famous George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., has a new scheme for making American citizens, the Junior Municipality. If the plan spreads in the way it has already started there will be in every up to date city a duly elected boy mayor and complete set of city officials in addition to the grown up ones. Only the Junior officials may not all be boys, for already in the first Junior Municipality there are indications of a lively struggle on the question of "votes for girls."

The Junior Municipality is no toy; it is organized for serious work. Each Junior official is to co-operate with the corresponding adult officer in the enforcement of all laws and ordinances, particularly those affecting boys and girls and their interests.

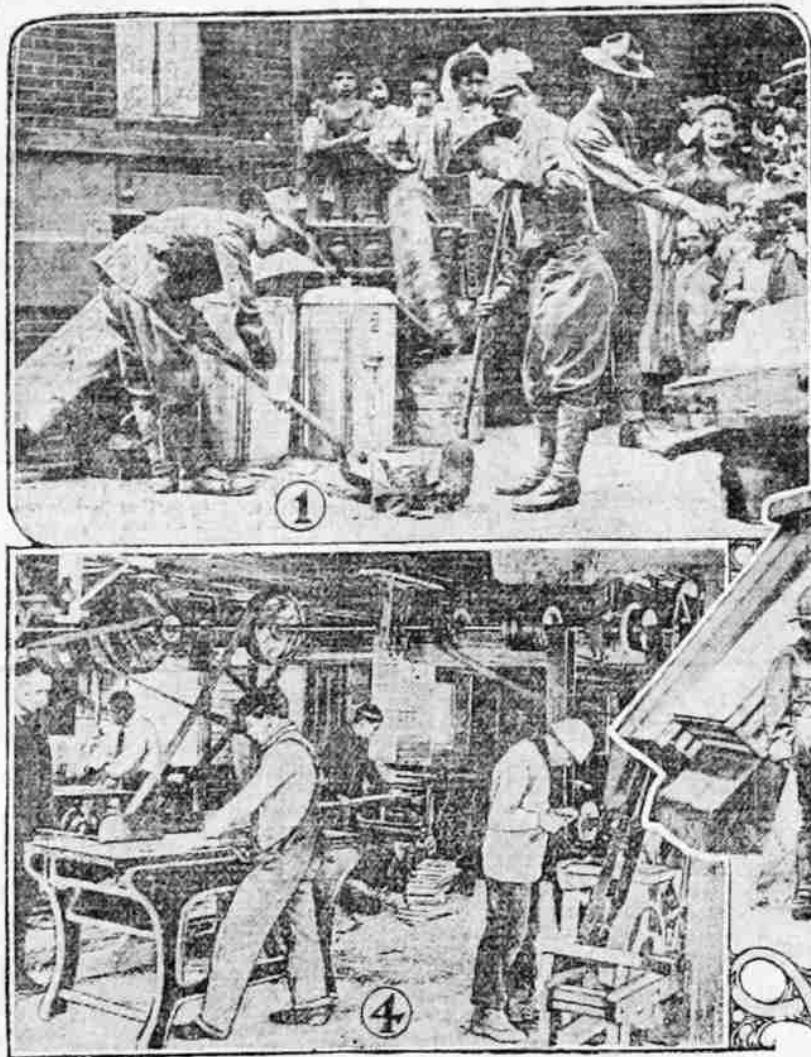
The new plan has already been launched in Ithaca, N. Y., where it has been officially adopted by Mayor Reamer and the city council. Another Junior Municipality has been established by Mr. George in Corland, N. Y., and Mayor Fagan of Jersey City has enthusiastically asked that one be started there along modified lines whereby Mr. George expects to adapt the idea to the larger cities.

**Awakens Sense of Responsibility.**

At the meeting of the Ithaca common council, when the plan was adopted, Mr. George illustrated concretely how it would work out in practice. He did so by taking up some of the matters which had just come before the meeting. Young vandals had overturned and defaced some gravestones in one of the cemeteries. The police had been unable to find the culprits. Mr. George pointed out that boys could best be interested in the preservation of order by being given a sense of responsibility.

A question had arisen as to whether the trains on a certain railway crossing were unduly obstructing traffic. No one knew just how many trains passed this point in a given time. There was no inspector nor money to pay for one. The councilman from the district was called upon, but he pleaded that he was too busy. Mr. George suggested that there were scores of boys in the district who had the time and would be glad to make the count. Such a matter could be turned over to his boy colleague by the local councilman.

When the Junior Municipality was started there gathered in the Ithaca courthouse nearly a hundred boys and girls, the mayor and other city officials and Mr. George. A committee



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1, 2 and 5.—Boy scouts cleaning up New York. 3.—Inaugurating a president, George Junior Republic, Freeville, N. Y. 4.—In the furniture shop, George Junior Republic. 6.—Junior Republicans' shipping bread. 7.—Chapel, George Junior Republic.

was elected to prepare a constitution to bring before a constitutional convention to be held in the autumn. At the close of the meeting representative boys and girls signed the following:

**A Petition For Independence.**

We, the undersigned, being the youth of Ithaca, N. Y., between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one, do respectfully call to the attention of our elders that although not of age, we nevertheless feel we have reached the point where we could and should actively participate in the government of our city.

We respectfully call attention to the fact that in time of war boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one are sent to the front to fight for their country and are frequently as officers placed in positions of peculiar responsibility and danger. Is it not self evident that if youths can thus honorably acquit themselves in time of war they could and should assume the same responsibility and danger in time of peace?

We find in the annals of history that from time immemorial youths of our age have, when placed in positions of trust, acquitted themselves creditably. Before

the age of twenty-one Alexander the Great was not only the ruler of Macedonia, but the dominant power in all Greece; Charles James Fox became a member of the British parliament before he was of age, and the younger Pitt became prime minister of Great Britain when he had scarcely passed his majority. In short, there is abundant evidence both in the past and the present that youth can and

will rise to responsibility when it is placed upon them.

Such being the case, we do hereby resolve to organize ourselves into a Junior Municipality in order that we may at once actively serve our city as junior citizens and thereby prepare ourselves for more efficient citizenship as adults.

We hereby pledge ourselves to assist in the enforcement of all the laws and ordi-

nances of the city, particularly those directly relating to boys and girls and their interests.

We further pledge ourselves that when elected to any office in the Junior Municipality we will give our full and faithful cooperation to the adult official holding the corresponding office in the city government and will discharge our duties solely with reference to the welfare of the whole city.

If given the duties and privileges of Junior citizenship we pledge our sacred honor to strive to be worthy of the great trust placed upon us.

**Extension of Junior Republic Idea.**

The Junior Municipality is merely the latest extension of the self government movement for boys and girls which was first introduced into America when William R. George founded the Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., in 1895. The only essential difference between this country village and any other in America is that this one is inhabited by boys and girls under twenty-one, and the voting age is sixteen.

The motto of the community is "Nothing Without Labor."

Any citizen who refuses to work is arrested by his fellow citizen, the police officer, indicted for vagrancy by his fellow citizens on the grand jury, tried, sentenced and sent to jail for

that offense by his fellow citizen, the judge, where he is taken in hand by his fellow citizen, the keeper of the jail, and made to work for the community without wages. During the entire process no adult has any hand in the matter.

This situation was tersely summed up by the republic's young secretary of state in speaking on the work before a men's club last winter. He is the son of the mayor of a southern city. He said: "When I first went to the George Junior Republic they told me their motto was 'Nothing Without Labor.' I didn't care much about labor, so I didn't labor. Then I was arrested, tried and convicted as a vagrant and put into jail, and then I found my motto was 'Labor Without Nothing!'"

This miniature republic was the outgrowth of a fresh air camp. It started as a new kind of reformatory for poor boys and poor girls whose conduct was "a problem." Then similar boys from well to do and even rich families were admitted, and for them a tuition fee was charged, but they were obliged to support themselves just like the poor boys.

Finally "Daddy" George came to the conclusion that there was so much good in "bad" boys and girls and so much had in "good" boys and girls that the difference between them was largely academic after all. The Junior Republic method of giving opportunity should be open to all. When this step was taken Professor Liberty Hyde Bailey of Cornell said: "The Junior Republic has developed from a reformatory method to a great educational principle."

**Eight Junior Republics in Being.**

There are now eight Junior Republics in different states of the Union, federated into the National Association of Junior Republics, with headquarters in the Tribune building, New York city. Mr. George is the national director. Last month a similar community was started in Dorset, England, known as "The Little Commonwealth."

An extension of the work has come through the organization of the "Self Government Committee" in New York. Through its activities the Junior Republic principles have been applied to a great number of schools and institutions. There are thirty-six public schools in and about New York city organized on some self governing basis, and the committee is in touch with 150 more throughout the country.

Self government among youth is a basic political as well as educational movement. Just as children can only learn to write by writing or to read by reading, so they can only learn political and social thought and action through political and social thought and action.

## COLUMBUS CARAVELS GO SAILING AGAIN

Started to San Francisco After Twenty Years' Rest in Chicago

**B**OUND on a voyage along the shores of a continent Columbus never saw, through a canal undreamed of in his day, to an ocean of which he never heard, are the three Columbus caravels. Not the ships in which the famous voyager into unknown seas and his men made their first transatlantic trip, but the reproductions. The originals went to their reward in the last home of ships centuries ago. The three vessels which have been started on their long voyage, from Chicago to San Francisco, are the reproductions which have reposed in Chicago since the time of the great fair in 1893.

Recently a bright mind conceived the idea that the Columbus caravels would be an attractive feature of the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held in

However that may be, the caravels started on their long journey. It was planned to have them stop at various points, to give folks a chance to see in what sort of ship Columbus and his daring men braved the unknown seas. An interesting incident of the trip as planned is a stop at the island of San Salvador, believed to be the first land on this side of the ocean sighted by Columbus.

Naturally, one of the most attractive parts of the voyage of the caravels will be the trip through the great canal. One can imagine the artificial waterway, fifty miles in length, lined with spectators as the quaint, queer reproductions of the tiny old ships trace the path that will be followed by the world's big liners.

None of the vessels that will pass

ping for a short time at Havana and then proceeding to New York to take part in the naval review which precedes the opening of the fair. From New York they were taken to Chicago. A contemporary account of their arrival in New York reads:

"The caravels, although they are a trifle unwieldy, weathered the voyage from Hampton Roads without meeting any serious disaster. They were not graceful in outline. They looked like three kangaroos led by a rope and all bunched ready for a spring. High pooped, badly rigged and top heavy, they bobbed up and down. The yellow stripes on the dark hulls seem to grow into expansive grins as the short waisted craft rose and fell in the wake of the big cruisers and made courtesies to the forts. They were appar-

and has a displacement of 200 tons. She is a fairly seaworthy ship and could make her way across the Atlantic without the escort of a man-of-war. The Nina and Pinta have each a displacement of 100 tons. The Pinta is sixty-five feet long and has a beam of twenty-three feet. The length of the Nina is fifty-six feet and her beam eighteen feet. The smaller vessels draw only six feet of water, and the great towering decks overweigh them. The Santa Maria and the Pinta are square rigged, and the Nina is lateen rigged.

"The caravels carry iron cannon modeled after the guns carried by the fleet of Columbus. One of the guns of the Santa Maria was carried on the voyage of Columbus. There are broadside guns pointing through round portholes. On the rails of the vessels, mounted like the modern rapid fire guns, are the falconets."

**CHARLES N. LURIE.**

**ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE**

**I**N Chicago there is to be built the world's largest and most curious garage. It will be built entirely underground, will fill the space under thirteen city blocks and will accommodate 2,000 cars daily. It will cost \$1,250,000.

A German has invented a device for lighting gas buoys by wireless. The receiving apparatus is sensitive only to the proper impulses.

At a wedding in Lynn, Mass., the bride wore a gown made seventy-five years ago for a wedding which never took place.

The St. Louis park department took a census of the trees in the city and found that there were 18,186 of them. The municipal nurseries have grown in the last two years more than 65,000 trees and shrubs, valued at more than \$127,21.

A turtle caught recently at Cuttyhunk Island, Mass., tipped the scales at sixty-five pounds.

Certain of the Chicago theaters will have posted in the lobbies certificates stating that the circulation of air in the auditorium is good and that the atmosphere is up to the standard.

A boarding house in Roslyn, N. Y., is called Cupid Hall for the reason that the boarders usually get married after a short stay there.

A vaudeville contract has been signed for the year 1924 whereby the third generation of a line of famous comedians will appear in a sketch with the second generation of another vaudeville family. At present the boy is four years old and the girl four and a half.

In China the men are adopting the use of American made garters, but they wear them on the outside of their trousers.

James Murphy, an employee of a Chicago packing company, was roped and branded by his fellow employees just before his marriage. Two hundred cowboys escorted the wedding party to the church dressed in their chaps and spurs and riding their ponies.

## MARRIAGE OF TWO INTERESTING ROYALTIES

Alexandra, Niece of King George, and Arthur, King's Cousin, the Contracting Parties

**A**BOUT Oct. 15 of the present year look in the news columns of the papers—American, English and foreign—for stories about the marriage of the two English royalties. On that day his royal highness, Prince Arthur of Connaught, cousin of King George, and her royal highness Alexandra, duchess of Fife, niece of the king, will be united in marriage.

The same stories will carry, in all likelihood, the announcement of the bestowal by the king of the title of

and Princess Mary will be one of the bridesmaids. There will be a great gathering of royalties, British and other, at the wedding.

Prince Arthur of Connaught is one of the most popular members of his family, both among his relatives and the British public. The latter likes the lack of "side" which distinguishes the prince as well as his father, the Duke of Connaught. The latter's simplicity of manner, despite his high rank as son of Queen Victoria and personal representative of the sovereign as gov-

comes by his liking for arms naturally, through inheritance from both parents. The Duke of Connaught was known as "Queen Victoria's 'soldier son'" and held very high rank in the British army in active service. The father of the prince's mother was Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, one of the most distinguished of the victors in the Franco-Prussian war.

Prince Arthur served for a time in South Africa. In recent years he has acted frequently as personal representative of the British king at home and abroad and has been referred to, somewhat disrespectfully, as the "royal errand boy." But his numerous and important missions, such as taking the Order of the Garter to the emperor of Japan, ally of Great Britain, have been performed with tact, discretion and skill. When King George and Queen Mary went to India for the durbar last year Prince Arthur in England as the principal representative.

Three very high and important offices have been assigned to Prince Arthur recently by newspaper reports. One of them is the vice royalty of India, the second is the governor generalship of Canada (in succession to his father), and the third is the lord lieutenantancy of Ireland. All three are among the greatest offices in the gift of the British crown, and it is probable that he should have been mentioned as any one of them.

His bride, Alexandra, duchess of Fife in her own right, is the eldest daughter of the Princess Royal, daughter of King Edward and sister of King George. She is holder of the title in succession to her father, the late Duke of Fife, who died last year, and who was head of the great Scottish family of Duff. He was one of the greatest landholders in the United Kingdom. The duchess, as his principal heiress, owns 250,000 acres of land and has a fortune of about \$10,000,000. She is about thirty years old, while Prince Arthur is almost thirty-one.

For a time Princess Alexandra was heiress presumptive to the British throne. That was after the brother of the Duke of Clarence, older than Duke of York, they were sons of the Prince of Wales, late King Edward VII, died. The births of the children of the present king and queen, George V. and Mary, placed the scepter very far from the hands of the Fifes.

The Duchess of Fife has been brought up very simply by her father, and her royal mother, who has been, however, the subject of matrimonial rumors. She has a younger sister, Princess Margaret, who is also a thorough soldier by training and

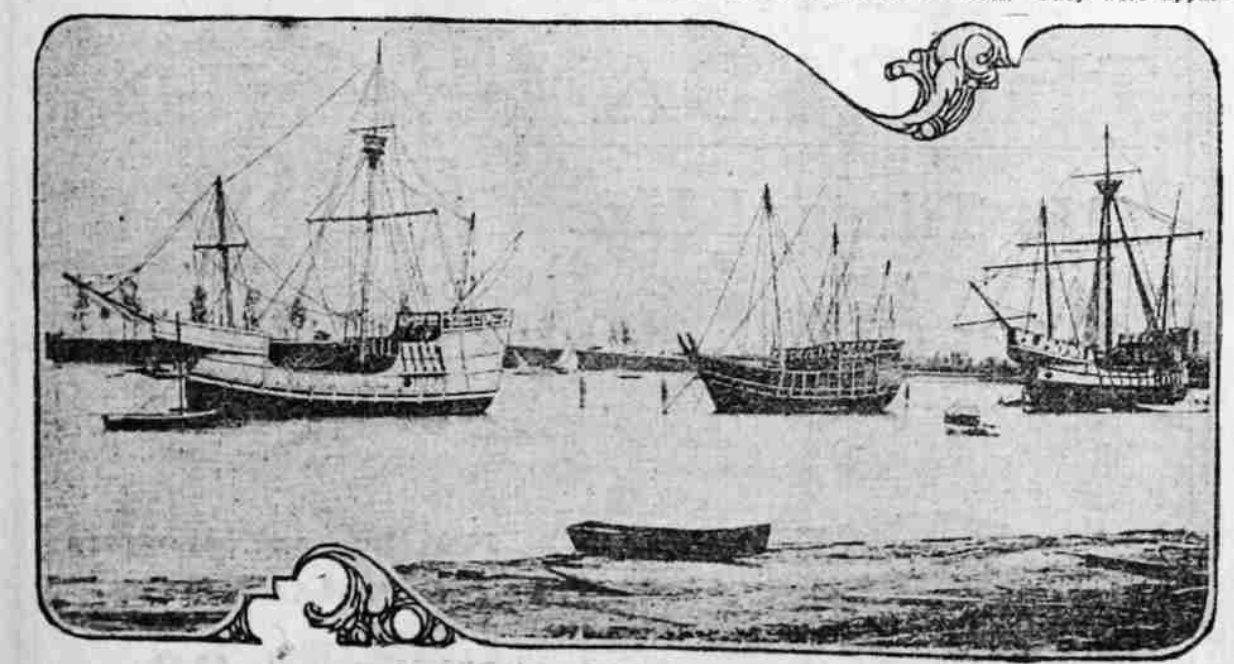


PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT—DUCHESS OF FIFE.

Duke of Kent on the young man, so commented upon during his visit to the United States last year. The other children of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are Crown Princess Margaret of Sweden and the Princess Patricia.

The British army has given Prince Arthur a career for many years. He is a thorough soldier by training and

King George will give away the bride, a thorough soldier by training and



Santa Maria. Nina. Pinta.

THE COLUMBUS CARAVELS.

San Francisco, so he got the permission of the park authorities in Chicago to have them taken to San Francisco, via the great lakes, the St. Lawrence river, the Atlantic ocean, the Caribbean sea, the Panama canal and the Pacific ocean.

There was much opposition in Chicago to the transfer of the vessels, the opponents of the plans alleging that the long rest in the lake waters had unfitted the ships for voyaging and that they would be battered to pieces by a storm on the lakes or either of the oceans.

through the canal will be able to boast of a history as thrilling as that of the originals of these caravels, and few will be able to show so interesting a story as that of the reproductions. The Santa Maria, Pinta and Nina—were built to serve as a feature of the great World's Columbian exposition, held in Chicago to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. The vessels are accurate reproductions of the original caravels. They have high poops, the waist is scooped out and there is a deck rising from the bow.

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ently more seaworthy than lobster pots and showed no disposition to turn turtle.

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